

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.

Listing of the Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A method of forming a micro pattern comprising steps of:

forming a first antireflection film on a surface of an underlying substrate, the first antireflection film suppressing reflection in an absorption mode;

forming a second antireflection film on the first antireflection film, the second antireflection film suppressing reflection in a countervailing interference mode, and made of a same material as the first antireflection film;

forming a cap film on the second antireflection film;

forming a photosensitive resist film on the cap film;

forming a latent image in the photosensitive resist film by exposing the photosensitive resist film to light having a first wavelength; and

developing the exposed photosensitive resist film.

Claim 2 (Original): A method of forming a micro pattern according to claim 1, wherein an attenuation coefficient of the cap film at the first wavelength is smaller than an attenuation coefficient of the second antireflection film at the first wavelength.

Claim 3 (Original): A method of forming a micro pattern according to claim 1, wherein an attenuation coefficient of the cap film at the first wavelength is 0.

Claim 4 (Original): A method of forming a micro pattern according to claim 1, wherein an attenuation coefficient of the first antireflection film is 1 or higher at the first wavelength.

Claim 5 (Original): A method of forming a micro pattern according to claim 1, wherein an attenuation coefficient of the second antireflection film is 0.9 or lower at the first wavelength.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A method of manufacturing a semiconductor device comprising steps of:

forming an interlayer insulating film on a surface of a substrate having an insulating surface, formed with semiconductor elements, and having a conductive member exposed in a partial area of the insulating surface;

forming a first antireflection film having a first attenuation coefficient on the interlayer insulating film;

forming a second antireflection film having a second attenuation coefficient smaller than the first attenuation coefficient on the first antireflection film, the second antireflection film made of a same material as the first antireflection film;

forming a cap film on the second antireflection film;

forming a first photosensitive resist film on the cap film;

exposing the first photosensitive resist film to light of a first wavelength, developing the exposed first photosensitive film to form an opening through the first photosensitive resist film; and

etching the interlayer insulating film by using the first photosensitive resist film as a mask.

Claim 7 (Original): A method of manufacturing a semiconductor device according to claim 6, wherein an attenuation coefficient of the cap film at the first wavelength is smaller than the second attenuation coefficient of the second antireflection film at the first wavelength.

Claim 8 (Original): A method of manufacturing a semiconductor device according to claim 6, wherein an attenuation coefficient of the cap film at the first wavelength is 0.

Claim 9 (Original): A method of manufacturing a semiconductor device according to claim 6, wherein the first attenuation coefficient of the first antireflection film is 1 or higher at the first wavelength.

Claim 10 (Original): A method of manufacturing a semiconductor device according to claim 6, wherein the second attenuation coefficient of the second antireflection film is 0.9 or lower at the first wavelength.

Claim 11 (Original): A method of manufacturing a semiconductor device comprising steps of:

forming an interlayer insulating film on a surface of a substrate having an insulating surface, formed with semiconductor elements, and having a conductive member exposed in a partial area of the insulating surface;

forming a first antireflection film on the interlayer insulating film, the first antireflection film suppressing reflection in an absorption mode;

forming a second antireflection film on the first antireflection film, the second antireflection film suppressing reflection in a countervailing interference mode;

forming a cap film on the second antireflection film;
forming a first photosensitive resist film on the cap film;
exposing the first photosensitive resist film to light of a first wavelength, developing the exposed film to form an opening through the first photosensitive resist film, the opening corresponding to a via hole for connecting a wiring pattern to be formed on the interlayer insulating film to the conductive member;
etching the interlayer insulating film to form the via hole by using the first photosensitive resist film as a mask;
removing the first photosensitive resist film;
forming a second photosensitive resist film on the cap film;
exposing the second photosensitive resist film to light of the first wavelength, developing the exposed film to form an opening through the second photosensitive resist film, the opening corresponding to the wiring pattern to be formed on the interlayer insulating film;
etching the interlayer insulating film to form a wiring groove by using the second photosensitive resist film as a mask, the wiring groove reaching a midst of the interlayer insulating film in a thickness direction thereof;
removing the second photosensitive resist film;
deepening the via hole until the conductive member is exposed if the conductive member is not exposed on a bottom of the via hole; and
burying an inside of the via hole and the wiring groove with a conductive wiring material.

Claim 12 (Original): A method of manufacturing a semiconductor device according to claim 11, wherein an attenuation coefficient of the cap film at the first wavelength is smaller than an attenuation coefficient of the second antireflection film at the first wavelength.

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Claim 13 (Original): A method of manufacturing a semiconductor device according to claim 11, wherein an attenuation coefficient of the cap film at the first wavelength is 0.

Claim 14 (Original): A method of manufacturing a semiconductor device according to claim 11, wherein an attenuation coefficient of the first antireflection film is 1 or higher at the first wavelength.

Claim 15 (Original): A method of manufacturing a semiconductor device according to claim 11, wherein an attenuation coefficient of the second antireflection film is 0.9 or lower at the first wavelength.

Claim 16 (New): A method of forming a micro pattern according to claim 1, wherein both of the first and second antireflection films are made of SiN, amorphous carbon or SiON.

Claim 17 (New): A method of manufacturing a semiconductor device according to claim 6, wherein both of the first and second antireflection films are made of SiN, amorphous carbon or SiON.